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1. COMMENT BASED ON EXCERPTS DEUBE ARTICLE PUBLISHED LOCALLY:

IT APPEARS DEUBER ONE OF TWO SWISS JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED AZORES LAST JANUARY AND WHOSE PRESENCE NOTED IN PRESS HERE. IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT HE TALKED WITH NUNO CAMARA AND TOOK SOME OF HIS CLAIMS AT FACE VALUE. MANY BASIC FACTS IN ARTICLE ACCURATE BUT GIVEN INFLATED IMPORTANCE.

2. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT MANY UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASS AZOREANS SUPPORT AT LEAST IN THEORY THE CONCEPT OF INDEPENDENCE FROM CONTINENT OWING TO PAST NEGLECT OF ISLANDS AND IMMEDIATE FEAR THAT PORTUGAL WILL FALL TO COMMUNISTS. UNTIL RECENTLY MOST SUCH PERSONS CONTENT TO CHANNEL SUPPORT TO MAPA WHOSE STATED GOAL CONTINUES TO BE INCREASED AUTONOMY. SINCE JANUARY HOWEVER LEFTIST GAINS ON CONTINENT HAVE CONVINCED WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT COMMUNIST VICTORY IN PORTUGAL ALMOST CERTAIN AND THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN SOON TO PREVENT SAME FROM OCCURRING HERE. CAMARA'S GROUP IS ONE WHICH APPARENTLY CONTEMPLATES COUP OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY TO ACHIEVE
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AND OTHER IF IT EXISTS ARE REPORTEDLY STOCKPILING SPORTING ARMS AND DYNAMITE BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ARMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HERE FROM SPAIN AS MENTIONED DEUBER ARTICLE. FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF CAMARA'S GROUP AND SUPPOSE WOULD BE TRUE OF POSSIBLE OTHERS WE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD NOT LAUNCH COUP ATTEMPT WITHOUT POSSESSING MODERN ARMS AND OUTSIDE SUPPORT. INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WOULD STAND TO LOSE EVERY THING IF THEY FAILED.

3. ARTICLE CITES FOUR SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS, MAPA, MIA, MIMA AND FOURTH NAMELESS GROUP. MIA AND MIMA ARE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EXISTED IN DISTANT PAST. THEIR NAMES MAY HAVE BEEN REVIVED BUT IT MORE LIKELY THAT DEUBER HEARD NAMES AND CONNECTED THEM WITH EXISTING GROUPS. FOURTH GROUP IS UNDOUBTEDLY CAMARAS. ARTICLES REPORT OF OBJECTIVES OF SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS, TURNING AZORES INTO FINANCIAL AND TOURIST PARADISE, IN LINE WITH MAPA ECONOMIC PLAN PUBLISHED LAST JUNE. CAFE ROIALE GROUP EXISTS USUALLY WITH CAMARA IN ATTENDANCE. MOST PARTICIPANTS IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON COFFEE SESSIONS ARE COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE WORKERS RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIAL LAND LORDS AND MERCHANTS.

4. IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE THAT SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS REPORTED DEUBER ARTICLE DO EXIST IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER; THAT NONE OF THESE ARE PRESENTLY EITHER TIGHTLY ORGANIZED OR EXTENSIVE BUT THAT SENTIMENT IN FAVOR INDEPENDENCE IS GROWING AND FUELED BY EACH NEW INDICATION OF LEFTIST SUCCESS ON CONTINENT; AND THAT THESE GROUPS WOULD TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO SECURE INDEPENDENCE IF THEY COULD BE SURE OF SUCCESS BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT ATTEMPT TO DO SO UNLESS THEY CAN OBTAIN FOREIGN SUPPORT ESPECIALLY THAT OF USG. TERRORIST ACTIVITY SHORT OF COUP ATTEMPT IS HOWEVER INCREASINGLY POSSIBLE. DEUBER ARTICLE EMBARRASSING TO MAPA WHICH HAS SINCE ARTICLE PUBLISHED PUBLICLY OBJECTED TO BEING LINKED WITH SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS, BUT SERVES ONE PURPOSE IN CALLING OUTSIDE ATTENTION TO AZOREAN DEVELOPMENTS. DANIELS

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